

Lord Hall

Herrick Archives Number 051

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Lord Hall" by Board of Trustees on June 10, 1912, in honor of Nathaniel Wright Lord.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Mines and Ceramic Building
School of Mines Building
Mines Building
Mining Building

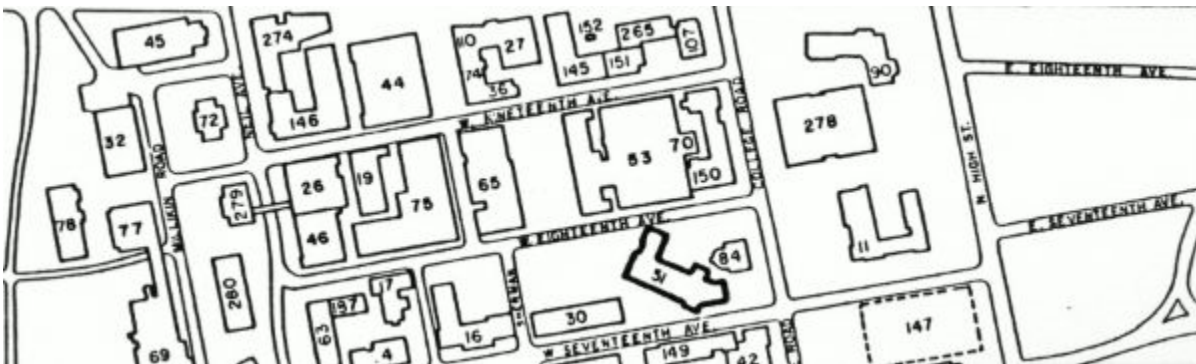
See Addenda Nos. 4, 6

2. Location

2.1 Located at 124 West 17th Avenue. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 84 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.

See Addendum No. 3



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

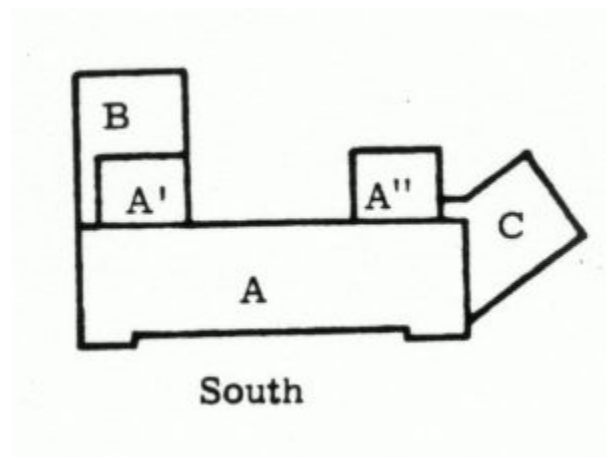
Wood frame with brick exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Two small sub-basements with no assignable space; main part of building has three stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged twice. See sketch: three wings (B, A" and C in sketch) are of one story construction.



A, A', & A"--original construction. A' and A" of one-story construction

B--1st addition. Also included two stories on top A'

C--2nd addition

See Addendum No. 2

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

61,119 sq. ft. gross; 40,909 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 5

3.5 Volume of building:

991,660 cubic feet (PP).

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - ORIGINAL BUILDING

1. On August 13, 1904 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Frank L. Packard and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.
2. Bids were opened on September 15, 1904 (T).
3. On September 15, 1904 the Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract to John H. Hina.
4. Progress of work:
 - 4.1 Foundation walls nearly completed by November 23, 1904. (L 11/23/04)
 - 4.2 Exterior work completed by September 1905. (L 9/27/05)
 - 4.3 Except for minor items, building was accepted by Board of Trustees on March 7, 1906.
 - 4.4 Board of Trustees on April 30, 1906 authorized the Building Committee to contract for equipment for the building.

C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - FIRST ADDITION

1. On March 5, 1918 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Joseph N.

Bradford and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on April 3, 1918 (A).

3. On April 9, 1918 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: D. W. McGrath

Electrical: McMaster Electric Co.

Heating & plumbing: William H. Conklin Co.

4. Completion and occupancy:

4.1 Addition about completed and scheduled to be occupied later in the week (L 10/3/18).

4.2 Final estimate dated October 29, 1918 (A).

D. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - SECOND ADDITION

1. On February 12, 1940 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith.

2. This work was done as a WPA project. There were no formal bids or contracts.

Some indication of progress of the work can be gained from the following information from the files of the University Architect.

2.1 Specifications for cut stone are dated March 25, 1940; on April 9, 1940 the University Architect recommended a supplier of cut stone to the Purchasing Agent.

2.2 The project is listed as built in 1940.

2.3 The WPA office on January 18, 1941 furnished a cost figure of \$39,980 to the University Architect.

2.4 On July 30, 1941 the University Architect recommended to the Purchasing Agent a supplier for the laboratory equipment.

3. The OSU Monthly (32: 4 Feb. 41) spoke of the addition as "recently completed."

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The orientation of this building is a matter of frequent comment. It grew out of a campus master plan developed by Frank Packard (McC 2:67), who became the architect for the building. This plan called for a diagonal street parallel to and in front of the building.

2. Maps for the first few years after completion of the building show a winding street roughly along the line of 17th Avenue. A map dated 1911 and one as late as 1929 show a diagonal street in front of the building, extending northwest from the Oval east of Hayes Hall (039) to the present 18th Avenue-Sherman Street intersection.

F. COST

1. Cost of original building reported at \$185,000 (McC 2:288; B 1909-10).

2. Cost of first addition reported at \$24,172 20 (A).

3. Cost of second addition shown in Architect's records at \$39,980 but value shown in Business Office reports increased only \$14,248.33 from July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1941. The latter probably excludes the Federal

share.

4. The June 30, 1970 value is listed at \$226,544.38 (B).

G. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1909--southeast

X 1911--southwest

X 1916--second addition

2. Other:

Hooper: 62

McC 2: 104

L 10/5/04; 5/23/06

John H. Herrick

August 25, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Lord Hall suffered extensive fire damage in January, 1959. (M50:3 February 1959)

John H. Herrick
December 2, 1975

ADDENDUM NO. 2

McCracken (3:74) states that Cabinet on April 20, 1916 ordered that a brick rubbish house be erected at the rear of Lord Hall.

Later, he again reported that a rubbish house was built at the rear of Lord Hall on order of Cabinet (3:158). This later report is in the context of a discussion of the meeting of Cabinet on January 21, 1919.

This second reference leads to speculation that no construction followed the 1916 Cabinet action, and that a second action in 1919 was taken before the rubbish house was built. However, this is not a necessary conclusion - the structure could have been completed earlier and introduced as an extraneous comment in the second reference.

There is now a rubbish house at the rear of Lord Hall near the south curb of W. 19th Ave., which may be the result of the 1916 (or 1919) Cabinet action. This present building appears in Photograph X 12850.

John H. Herrick
December 6, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 3

Part of Building 051 is shown on Sheet 85 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.

John H. Herrick
October 26, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 4

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Mines and Ceramic Hall
Mines & Ceramics Bldg.

John H. Herrick
November 21, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 5

Campus Planning records now show the following areas for this building:

65,445 sq. ft. gross;
41,064 sq. ft. net assignable

John H. Herrick
November 7, 1984

ADDENDUM NO. 6

This building is now carried in Campus Planning records as Nathaniel Wright Lord Hall. The official name remains "Lord Hall."

John H. Herrick
August 26, 1986